

REMARKS

Applicant has consolidated many of the claims of this application, to describe a Componentry Assembled Free Standing Wire Rack. While the examiner may cite Oberhaus, et al, Patent No. 6,286,691 as providing anticipatory prior art, please recognize that this is the same Mr. Oberhaus as the inventor in the previous patent, and he, nor Mr. Gusdorf, consider that their suspended shelving as shown in that patent, and which attended its support by suspending from rafters, could ever be used as a free standing type of wire rack. It took a few years to figure out the current embodiment, for the free standing attributes of the wire rack of this current invention.

Furthermore, the structure of the free standing wire rack of this invention is quite different from that as shown and described in the prior application. For example, there can be no stacking of one rack upon the other, as set forth in claim 15, as amended herein. Furthermore, there are no diagonal bracings involved. Furthermore, other structural components for the free standing wire rack are just quite different from what is shown in or described in the prior '691 patent.

In view of all these differences that exist between what is shown, described, and claimed for the current invention, it is believed that patentable subject matter for the improvements made deserve to be published in a United States patent.

No one since the publication of the previous '691 patent has shown any modification to it, that improves its structural integrity, to allow it to be used as a free standing wrack, rather than just one which is suspended from above.

The examiner's further review of the subject matter of this application would be appreciated. Furthermore, if a Terminal Disclaimer can be used to obviate the application of the '691 patent, as prior art, please advice.

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